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Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN
Director of Central Intelligence
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Dear Stan:-

First, I was terribly sorry to hear about the death of your father several weeks ago. I know that his final illness was a sad additional burden for you over a long summer when you did not need additional burdens. Anne and I moved to Kentucky in the summer of 1971, and both of her parents and my parents were alive and well in Tennessee only 200 miles away. We had several good visits back and forth in that 1971-72 year and then, within three years, we had lost three out of the four. Now, only my mother survives. In short, we know your grief, and can in this sense share your burden.

Second, and on an only somewhat happier note, you are aware that the University of Kentucky has filed a law suit against the Iranian students who were arrested here for the disturbances in connection with your visit on 12 April. My initial hunch was that the Iranians would try to convert it into a showcase trial, complete with national media hoopla and maybe a defense attorney such as William Kuntsler. I may still be correct on the general point, but the Iranian students (i.e., some of them are students) have hired a couple of inexperienced young local female lawyers to represent them. Both of these women, Barbara Sutherland and Pam Goldman, have been up to talk to me. I got the impression that they are somewhat strident "women's liberation" types. I suppose that one element in their legal case will be the usual First Amendment business, but they apparently also plan to claim that the Iranians created merely a "commotion" as contrasted to a "disturbance" (I have no idea how the law may differentiate between these two concepts). I am further guessing that the defense attorneys will attempt to serve a subpoena on at least one member of your staff who was in your group here on 12 April. The defense managed to have subpoenas served today on a number of witnesses--primarily from among those VIP guests who were first with us at the pre-talk dinner at the hotel, all of whom are now calling me with this news.

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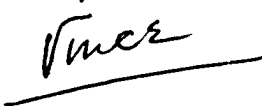
This strikes me as an absurd defense tactic, in view of the fact that these VIP friends of ours are distinctly unsympathetic to the Iranians, and are more likely to testify that the events of 12 April resembled a riot rather than a disturbance or commotion. Furthermore, the defense attorneys apparently plan to introduce in evidence a copy of the official University archives tape-recording of the whole evening. That tape makes it very clear that something considerably more than a "commotion" was going on. Well, I'm no lawyer, but it ought to be fairly interesting if the defense calls witnesses such as former U.S. Senator Albert Gore, former Lexington Mayor Foster Pettit, the daughter of former Governor A. B. "Happy" Chandler, and incumbent Federal Judge E. E. "Gene" Siler, all of whom were more than a little distressed over the behavior of the Iranians, and none of whom is famous for connections with radical causes.

I am not aware that a trial date has been set.* Given the possibility of U.S. foreign policy overtones, I myself would think it perhaps useful if certain officials in Washington used whatever channels might be available to them to seek a delay until at least 8 November--since there will be more than enough public distortions leading up to 7 November. Or maybe the best tactic would simply be to get the thing over with and done, as soon as possible. Perhaps I am exaggerating the implications but, as you know, for a period of many months now I have been attaching more importance to problems pertaining to Iran than most other people whom I know.

If you are already receiving all of the information that you need about this probable courtroom trial in Lexington, let me know and I will then cease and desist from sending you whatever I may know and think about the situation. It's practically certain, I believe, that I will be subpoenaed as a witness--indeed, probably getting a subpoena from both the prosecution and the defense.

This wraps up my immediate agenda. I'll be back on the line with you later, on other matters of shared interest.

Warmest personal regards,

Vincent Davis 

*Belay that. The subpoenas for the plaintiff (i.e., the Commonwealth of Kentucky) indicate a trial date of 26 September, at 1000 EDT, on the 4th Floor of our Fayette County Courthouse in midtown Lexington.

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Remarks: <p>Your instincts on this one are correct. Vince suggests on page 2 of the letter that we might use some sort of influence to delay the trial until after the elections. Under no circumstances should we take any step in that direction, or involve ourselves in any other way in this matter.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; width: 200px; margin: 10px auto;"></div>			
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Herbert E. Hetu
Director of Public Affairs

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NOTE FOR THE DCI:

Barbara Sutherland, a Lexington, KY attorney who is representing the Iranian students arrested for disrupting your talk at the University on 12 April, requested, under FOIA the notes you spoke from and the tape that recorded your presentation. [redacted]

[redacted] provided us a copy of your notes-- they were handwritten and are attached-- which we forwarded to Ms. Sutherland along with the tape.

Thought you should be aware of this in case something is made of it when the trial begins.

[redacted]
Herb

Attachments

EJ

Pam E. Goldman
Barbara J. Sutherland

August 23, 1978

Mr. Gene F. Wilson
Information and Privacy Coordinator
CIA Freedom of Information Office
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Wilson,

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC 522, I hereby request the following:

1. A copy of the notes from which CIA Director Admiral Stansfield Turner delivered his speech "New Directions in the U.S. Intelligence System," at the University of Kentucky on April 12, 1978.
2. Copies of any notes or tape recording from which the transcript of the above-mentioned speech was made.

I understand from the FOIA regulations of your agency that you will notify me in advance if expenses in excess of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars will be incurred in connection with this request. I further understand that you will notify me within ten (10) working days whether my request will be granted.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Barbara J. Sutherland
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